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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Canceled).

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 3 ~~+~~,
further comprising:

a front bulkhead that includes a vertical wall surface with an opening.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:
an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are vertically divided
along a transverse direction of a vehicle body;
a steering support beam fixed to the lower panel;
a blower unit fixed to the lower panel and to the steering support beam to form a unitized
component; and
a toe board having a recessed portion, wherein said blower unit comprises a leg portion
extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:
an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are vertically divided
along a transverse direction of a vehicle body;
a steering support beam fixed to the lower panel;
a blower unit fixed to the lower panel and to the steering support beam to form a unitized

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component,

a front bulkhead that includes a vertical wall surface with an opening; and

~~The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising:~~

a toe board having a recessed portion,

wherein said lower panel is upwardly open to provide access to said blower unit from

above, and

wherein said blower unit comprises a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claims 5-9. (Canceled).

Claim 10. (Previously presented) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:

a instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel;

a steering support beam connected to said lower panel;

a blower unit connected to said steering support beam and said lower panel;

a toe board having a recessed portion; and

a leg portion extended toward the toe board and engaged with the recessed portion.

Claims 11-28. (Canceled).

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 ~~+~~, wherein said lower panel is

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upwardly open to provide access from above to said blower unit to align a duct of said blower unit with an opening in a front bulkhead.

Claim 30. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 29 ~~1~~, wherein said duct extends from an upper part of said blower unit.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 ~~1~~, wherein said blower unit comprises a duct for aligning with an opening in a vertical wall surface of a front bulkhead of said vehicle body.

Claim 32. (Canceled).

Claim 33. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 3 ~~1~~, wherein said lower panel comprises a glove box fastened by an upper surface to said steering support beam.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 33, wherein said blower unit comprises a blower main body that is disposed along a front side ~~to~~ of said glove box.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 33, wherein said blower unit comprises a heater and ventilation unit disposed along a side of said glove box.

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Claim 36. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said lower panel is upwardly open to provide access from above to said blower unit to align a duct of said blower unit with an opening in a front bulkhead.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said blower unit comprises a duct for aligning with an opening in a vertical wall surface of a front bulkhead of said vehicle body.

Claims 38-39. (Canceled).

Claim 40. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 10 7, wherein said lower panel comprises a glove box fastened by an upper surface to said steering support beam.

Claim 41. (Currently amended) The structure of claim 40, wherein said blower unit comprises a blower main body that is disposed along a front side to of said glove box.

Claim 42. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 40, wherein said blower unit comprises a heater and ventilation unit disposed along a side of said glove box.

Claim 43. (Canceled).